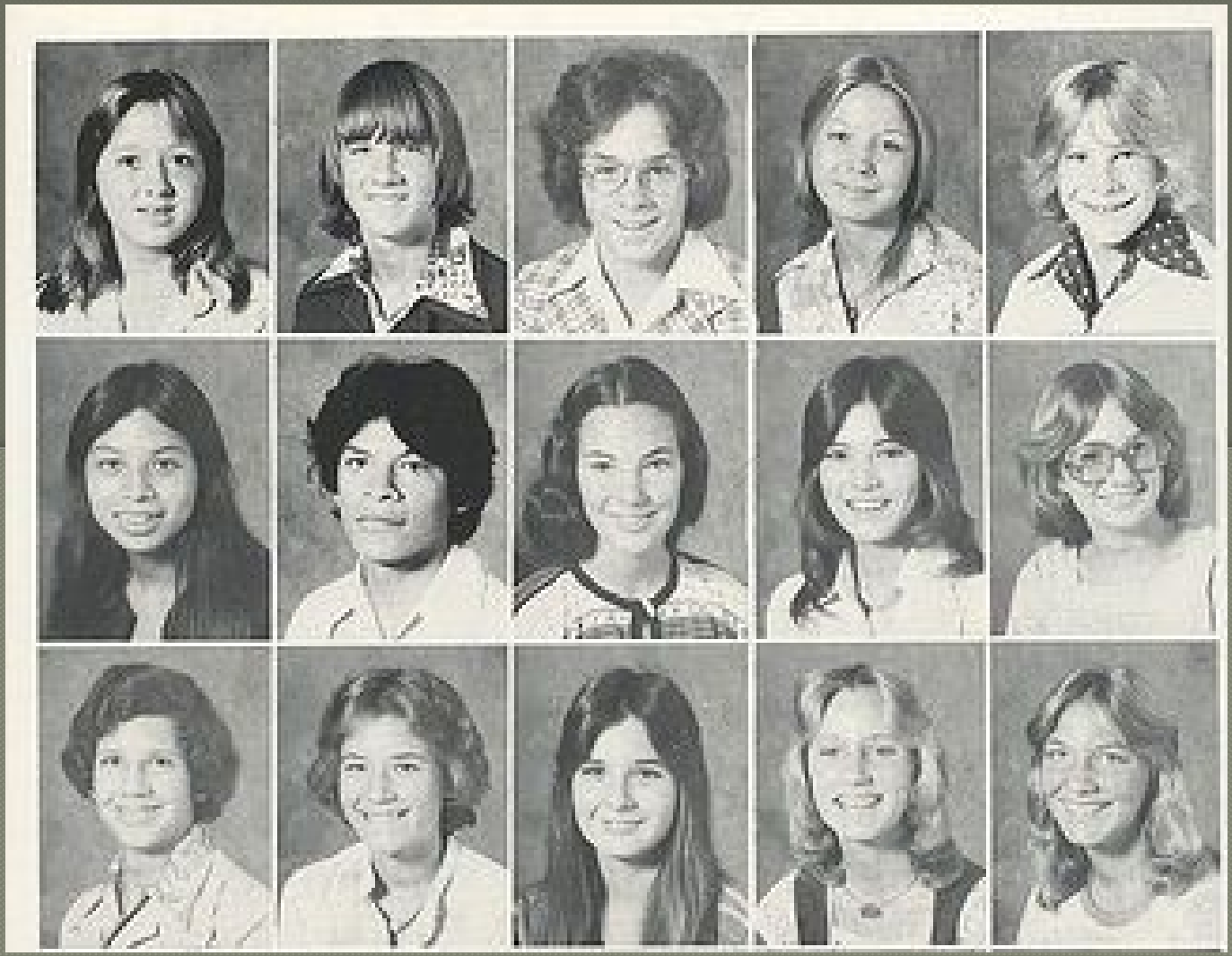

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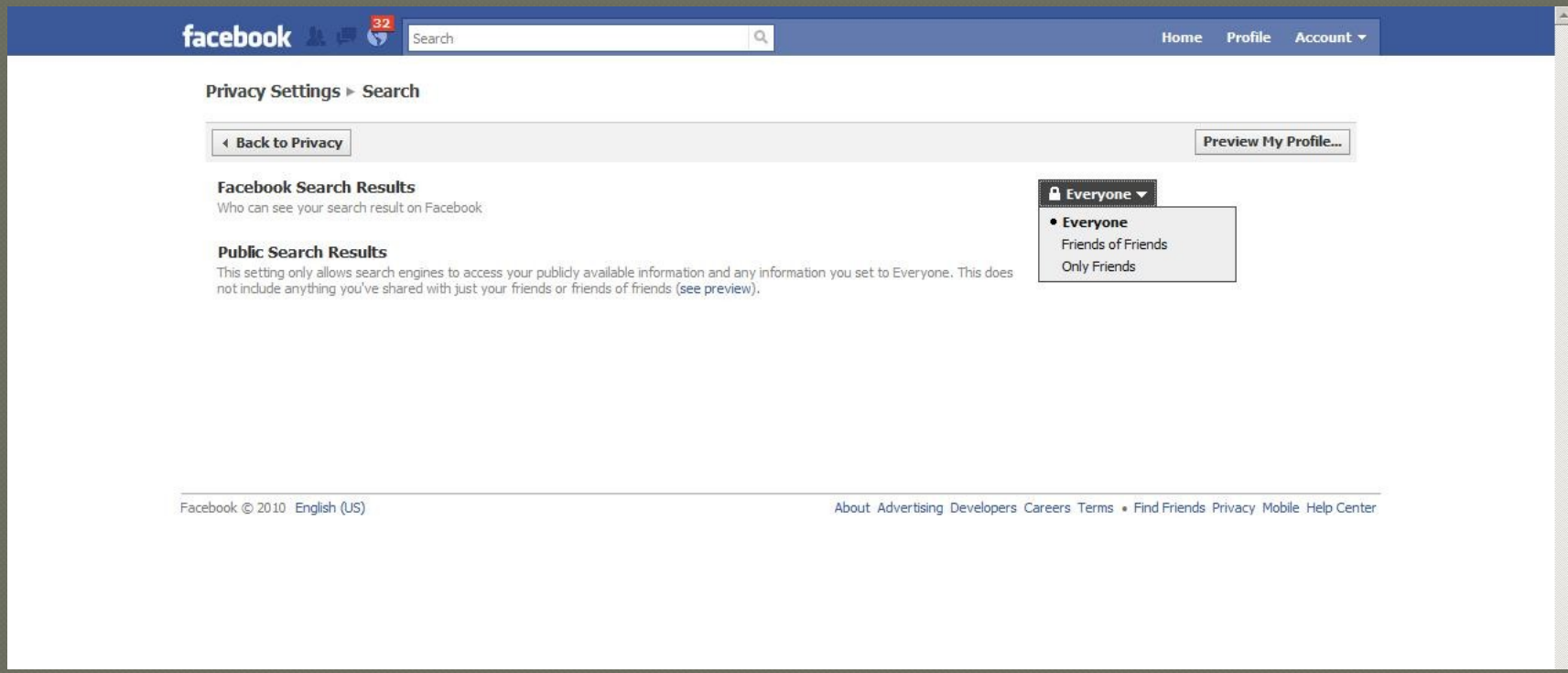
Your visibility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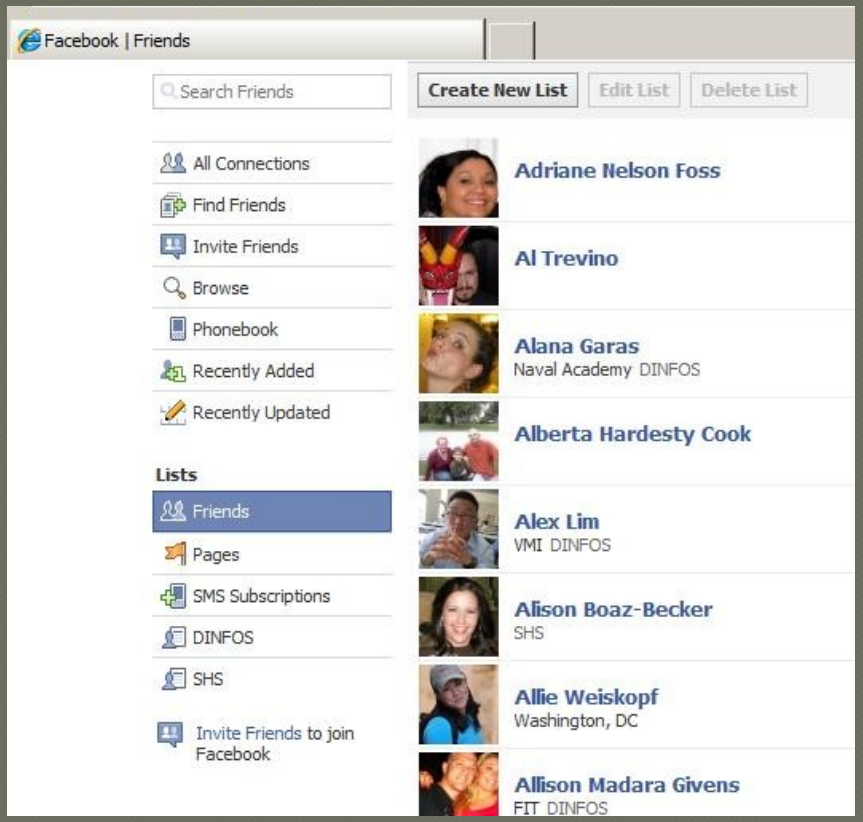
You can customize your privacy settings. The privacy page gives you control over who can view your content. At most only your friends, their friends and the people on your networks can see your profile. If you want to adjust who can find you in searches and what they can see or do with search results, edit the settings for your search privacy.

Friend Lists

Friend Lists allows you to create private groupings of friends based on your personal preferences.

For example, you can create a Friend List for your school friends, your unit, or your family. You can then quickly view friends by type and send messages to



Friend Lists (cont.)

You can apply specific privacy policies to Friend Lists

To block groups of people from specific content, create a Friend List that includes those people you wish to block. You can do this from the Friends page or any privacy setting.

From a privacy setting, click the drop-down next to the setting that controls the content you want to restrict and select "customize." Add three or more people to the "Except These People" section. Click "Okay." Enter a name for your new list.

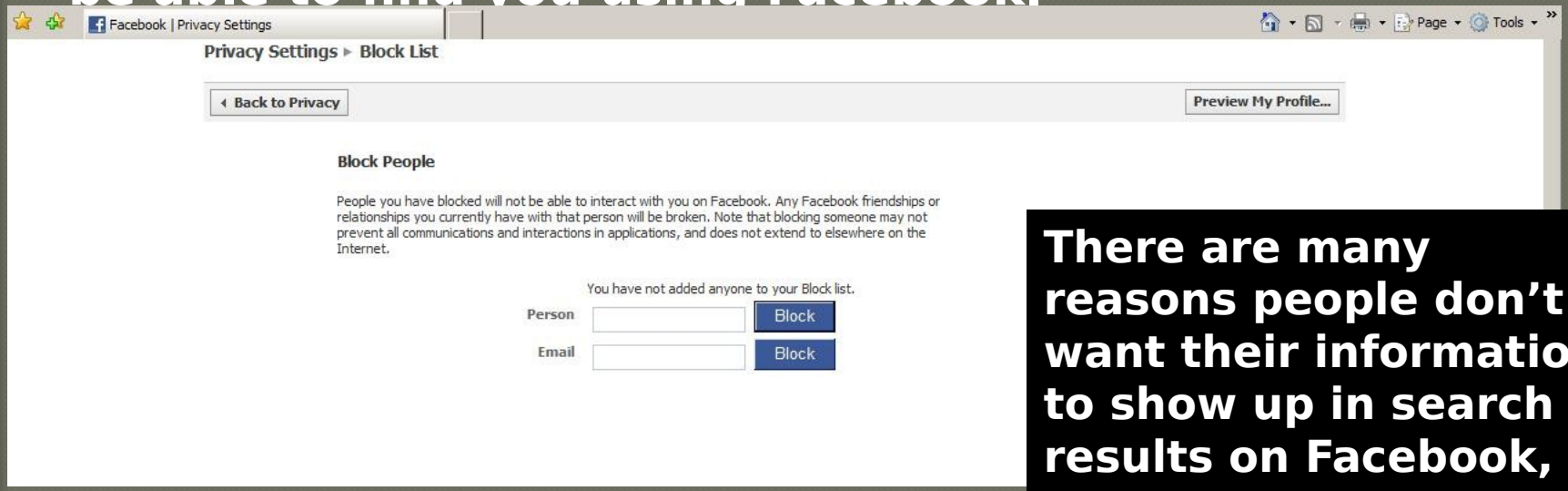
Friend Lists (cont.)

Friend Lists can be useful for organizing groups. A typical setup for groups might be “Friends,” “Family” and “Professional.” Other possibilities are to organize them by the cities where they live, where you met them, or by hobbies – it’s entirely up to you.

You can apply different privacy policies to each group. For example, you may want your friends to see photos from the party you were at last night, but you don’t want your family or professional contacts to see them.

Block and Limit your Profile

You can end all interactions with selected Facebook users. by entering their names in the "Block People" box. When you find them using a search or when they invite you to connect, you can click the "Block Person" link to the right of their name, and they will no longer be able to find you using Facebook.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Block People
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You have not added anyone to your Block list.
Person
Block
Email
Block

There are many reasons people don't want their information to show up in search results on Facebook, and it's simple to turn off your public visibility

Remove yourself from Facebook search results

Here's how you do it:

Go to your search privacy settings page

Under "Facebook Search Results," select "Only Friends." This will remove you from Facebook search results, so make sure you want to be removed totally. Otherwise, you can select another group, such as "Friends of Friends" or "Everyone."

Click "Save Changes." By default, Facebook makes your presence visible to the network you are in. Frequently, people aren't aware of their visibility, so this is one of the first settings you may wish to modify.

Facebook and search engines

Facebook gets lots of traffic by displaying user profiles in search engines. Not all of your profile is displayed, though.

Currently the information displayed in the search profile is limited to: your profile picture, a list of your friends, a link to add you as a friend, a link to send you a message, and a list of up to approximately 20 fan pages of which you are a member.

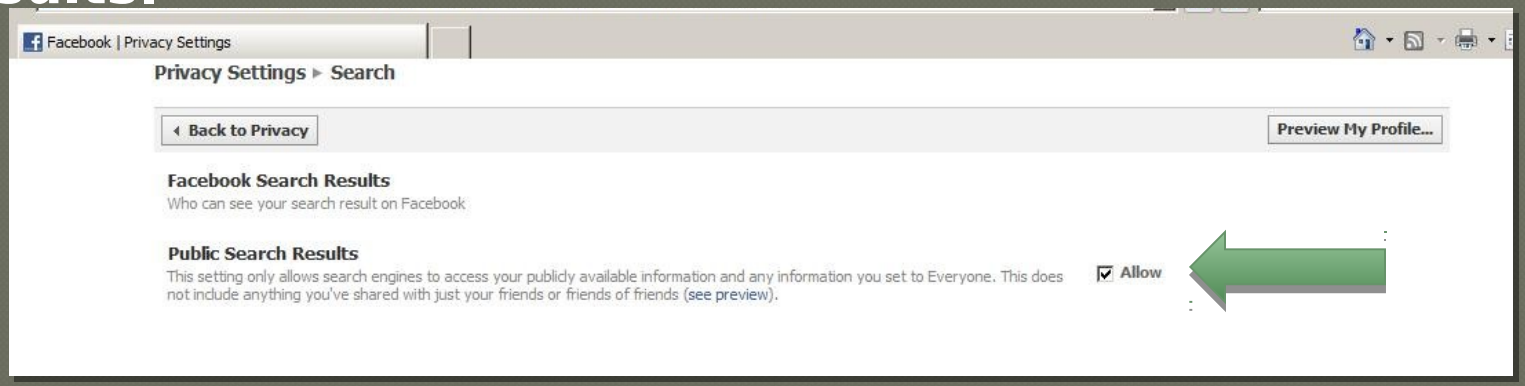
For some people, being displayed in the search engines is a great way to let people get in touch. Facebook also tends to rank high in search results, so if you want to be easy to find, making your search profile can be a great idea. But many people don’t want any of their information to be public.

Remove yourself from Google search results

Here's how you do it:

Go to your search privacy settings page. From here you can control the visibility of your public search listing, which is visible to Google and other search engines.

You can turn off your public search listing by simply unchecking the box next to the phrase "Public Search Results."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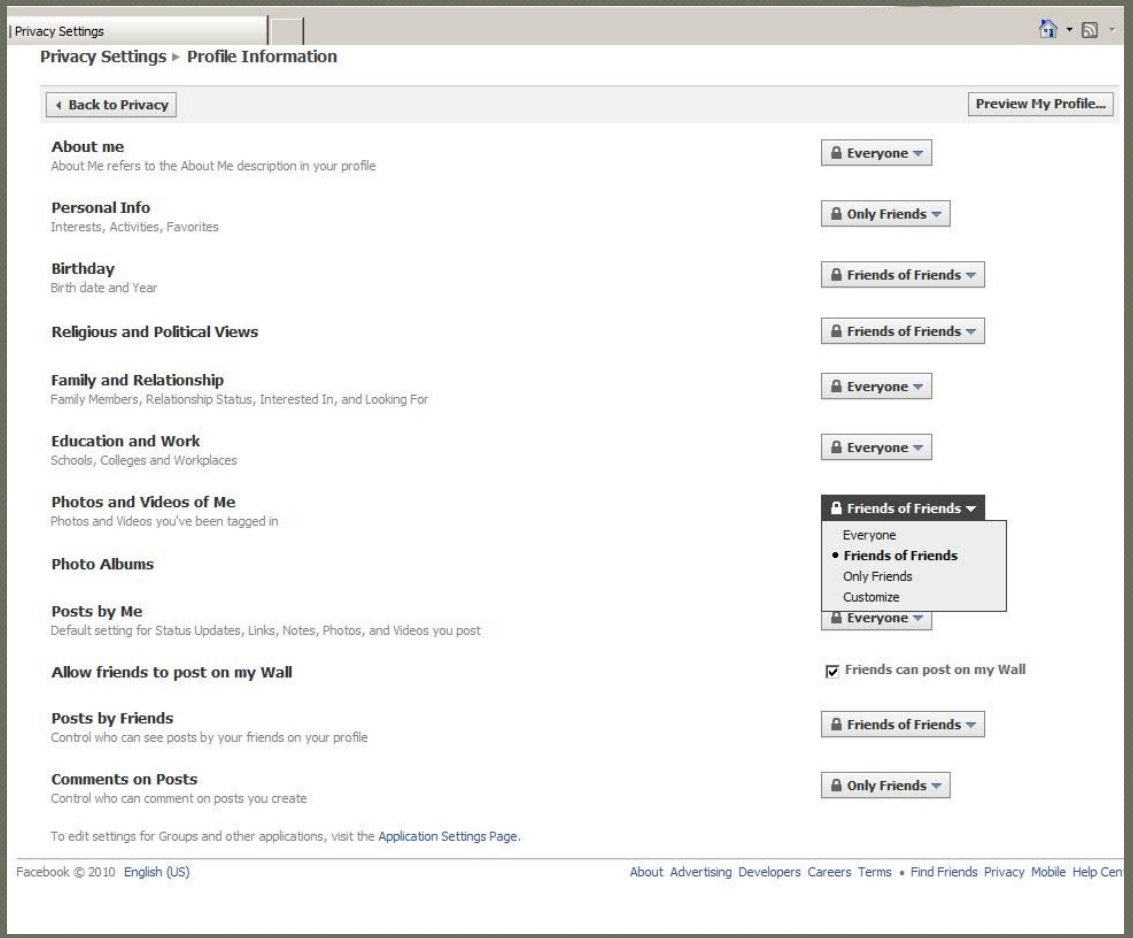
Allow

Manage who sees you in photos and videos

This is the classic Facebook problem. You let lose for a few hours and photos or videos of the moment are suddenly posted for the world to see -- not just the close friends who shared the moment with you. The result can be devastating. Some have been fired from work after the boss saw their incriminating images. For others, randomly tagged photos/videos have ended relationships. At a minimum, randomly posted images can result in embarrassment.

To remedy that problem, go to your profile privacy page and modify the setting next to "Photos and Videos of Me." Select who you want to be able to view photos you are tagged in.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Everyone
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Only Friends
Birthday
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Religious and Political Views
Friends of Friends
Family and Relationship
Family Members, Relationship Status, Interested In, and Looking For
Everyone
Education and Work
Schools, Colleges and Workplaces
Everyone
Photos and Videos of Me
Photos and Videos you've been tagged in
Friends of Friends
Everyone
Friends of Friends
Only Friends
Customize
Photo Albums
Posts by Me
Default setting for Status Updates, Links, Notes, Photos, and Videos you post
Everyone
Allow friends to post on my Wall
Friends can post on my Wall
Posts by Friends
Control who can see posts by your friends on your profile
Friends of Friends
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Control who can comment on posts you create
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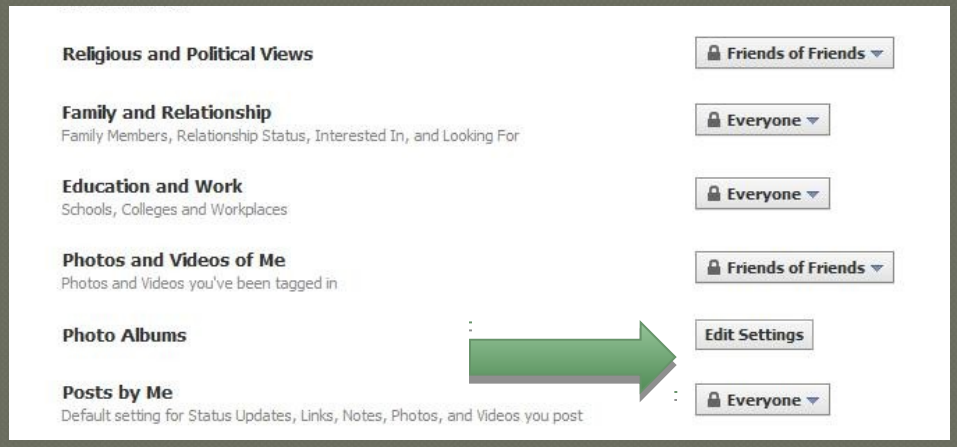
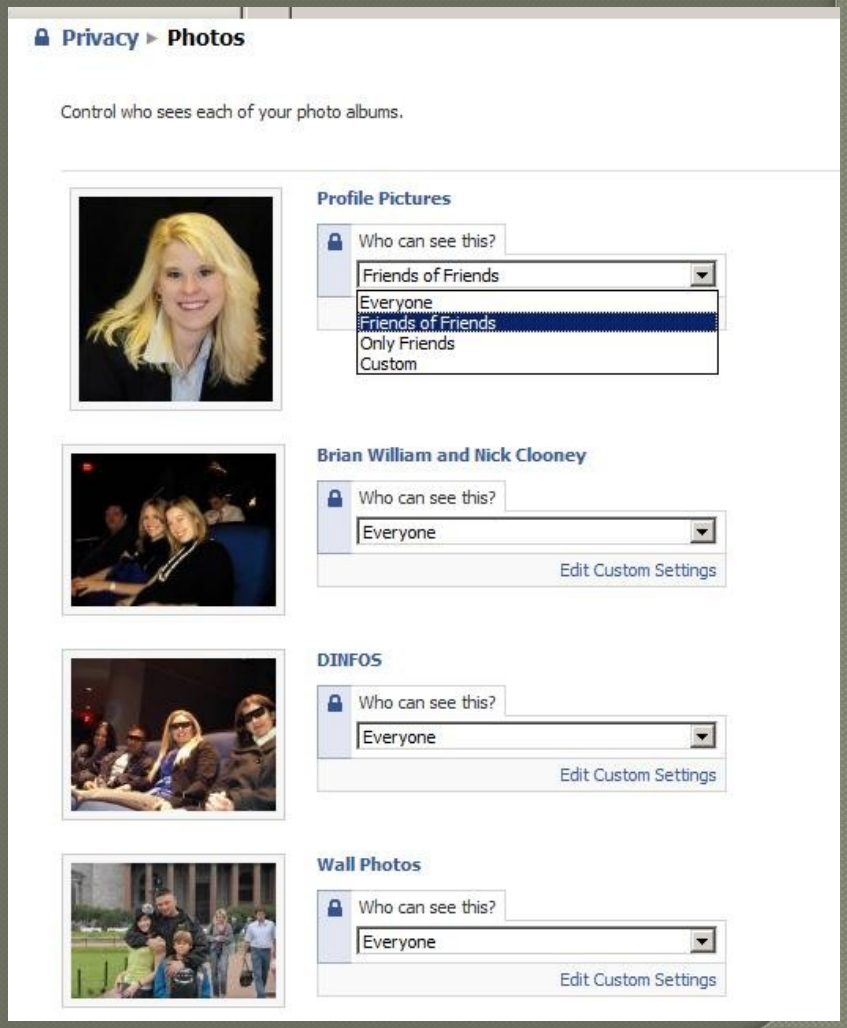
Manage who sees you in photo albums

Visit your profile privacy page and select “Edit Settings” next to “Photo Album” (shown below). The screen to the right with your photo albums will appear.

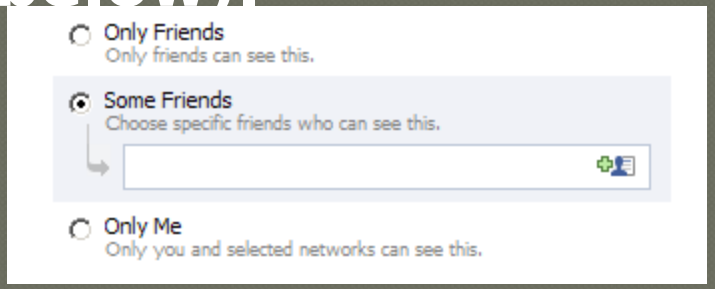
Select the option “Only Friends” or “Friends of Friends” if you would like to keep photo albums private.





Manage who sees you in photo albums

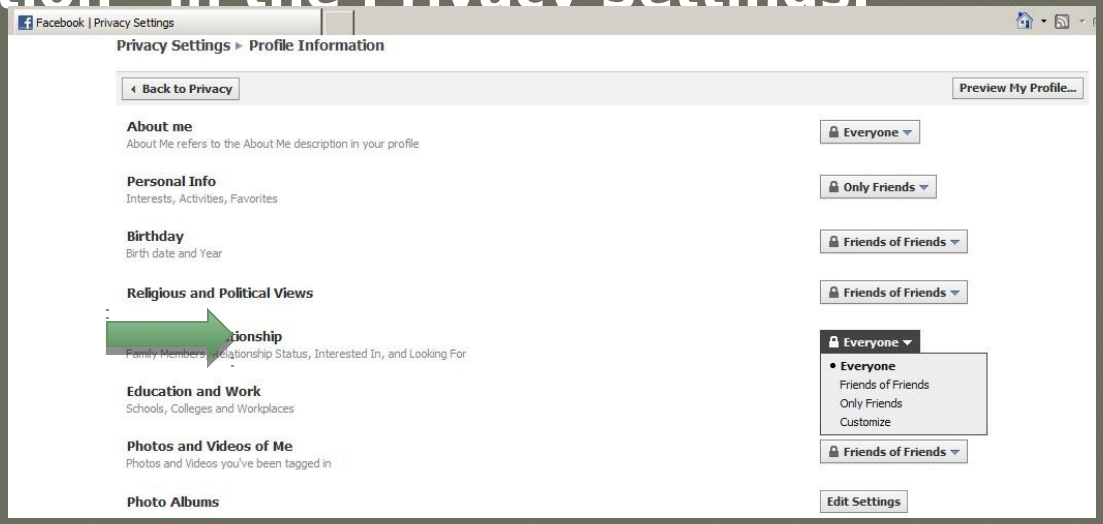
You can choose "Only me" or "Some friends" and type in individual friends or friend lists (shown below).


Only Friends
Only friends can see this.
Some Friends
Choose specific friends who can see this.
Only Me
Only you and selected networks can see this.

The News Feed

There are a number of ways to control how your relationship status is displayed. You may choose to not display a relationship status, or make a public statement with your relationship.

You can choose who can view your relationship status in the "Family and Relationship" section in the "Profile Information" in the Privacy Settings.



The News Feed (cont.)

Second, your relationship status falls within your “Basic Information” section of your profile. You can control who can see your basic information next to the “Basic Information” setting on the Profile Privacy page.

Keep in mind that other relevant profile information such as your gender, birth date, networks, and other settings are visible within your basic information section.

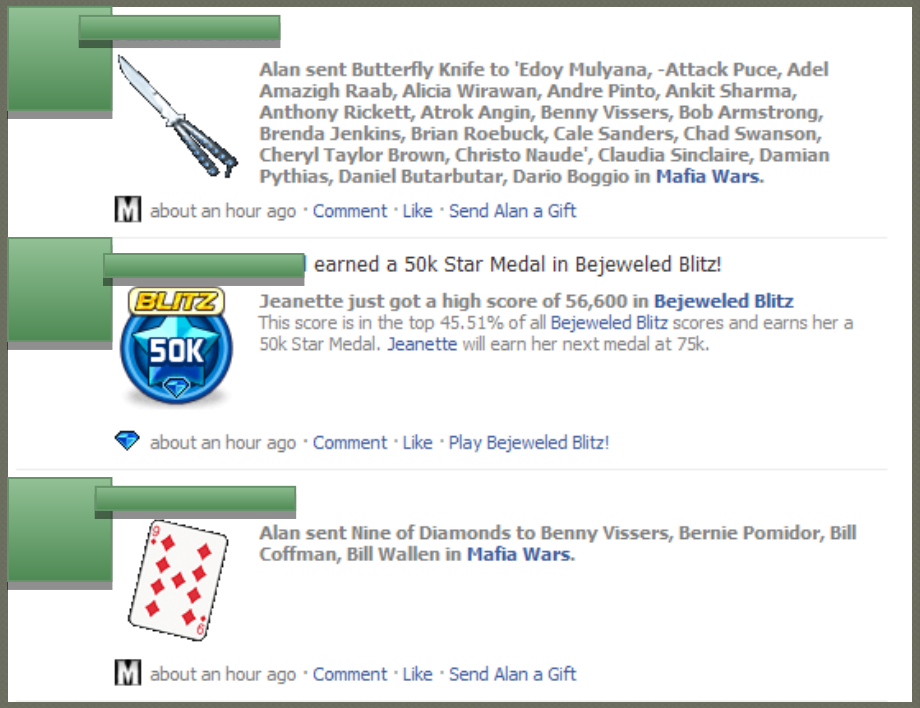
Making your basic information completely invisible to friends may not be a good idea, but removing the news feed stories about relationship changes probably is.

Beware of published application stories

Frequently, when you add an application, a news feed item is immediately published to your profile. More often then not, nothing will be posted, but unfortunately there are many applications that publish stories without you knowing it. Some of these can be potentially embarrassing, so it's a good idea to check your profile once you install an application, to ensure that no awkward notifications have been posted there.

To avoid embarrassment, don't visit applications, or scan your profile every time that you do.

Ultimately you shouldn't be concerned about applications with which you've built a trusted relationship.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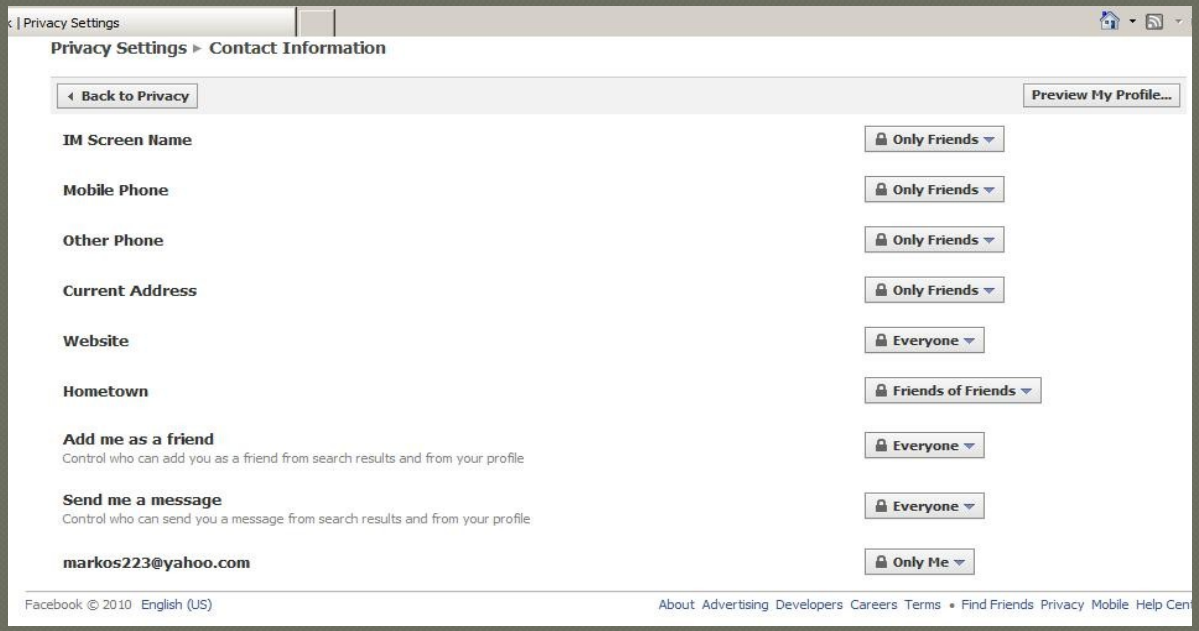
Contact information

From the “Contact information” on your profile privacy page, you can determine who can view your:

- IM Screen Name
- Mobile Phone
- Other Phone
- Current Address
- Website
- Hometown
- Email address

You can also select who can add you as a friend or send you a message.



Wall posts

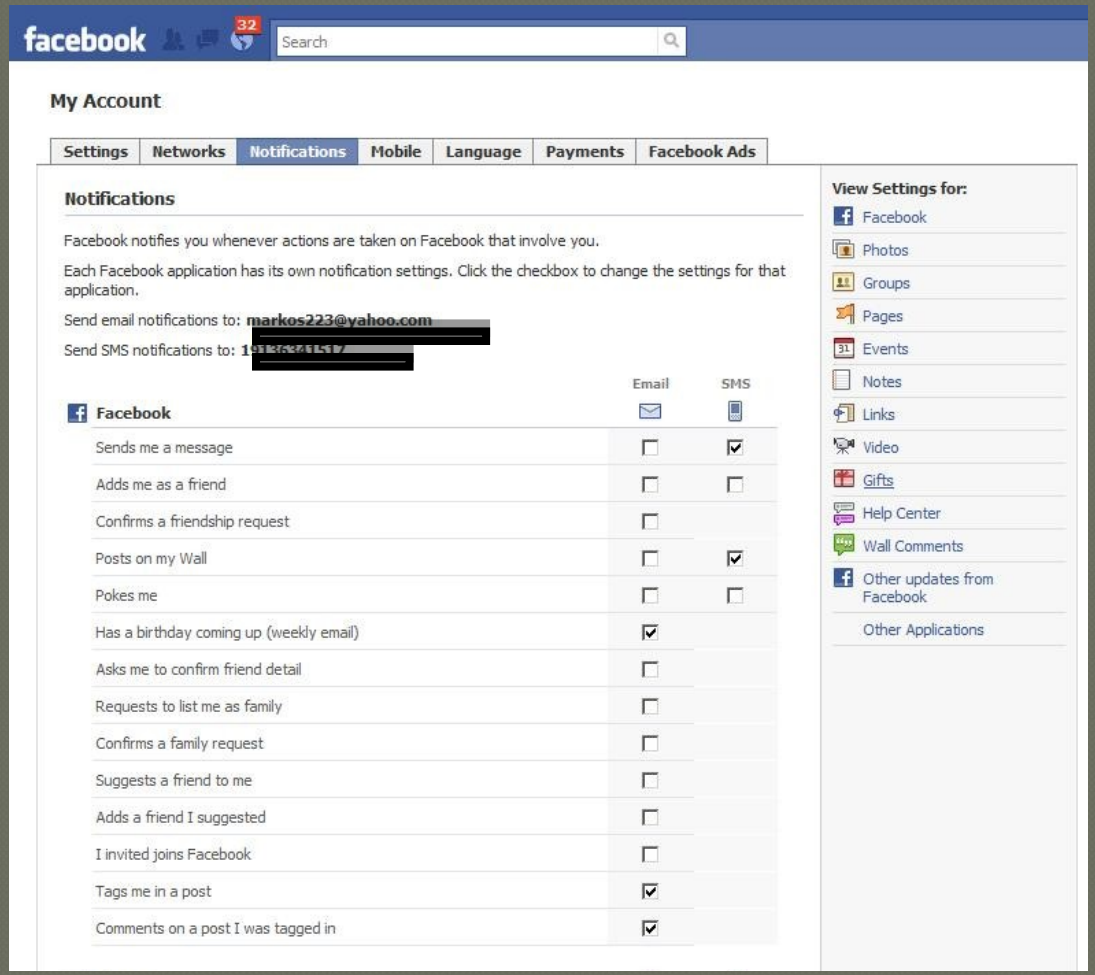
You can control who can post to your wall, to avoid unwanted, embarrassing or offensive posts.

Click on the “Account” button in the upper right-hand corner of your Facebook page and drop down to “Account Settings.”

In the middle of the page, click the “Notifications” tab.

Choose if and how you would like to be notified for a variety of applications on Facebook.

You can also choose to have notifications sent to your mobile phone.



Your friendships

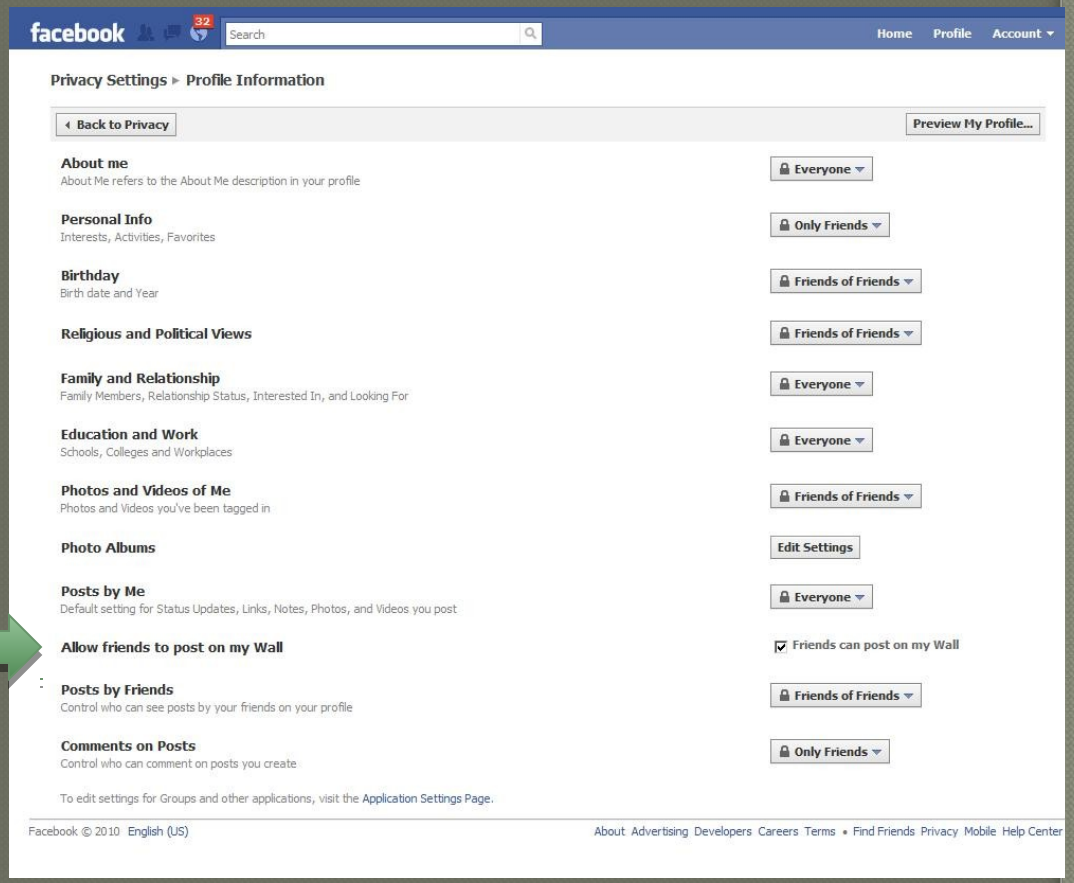
Customize lets you choose and limit specific groups and people .

Click on the “Account” button in the upper right-hand corner of your Facebook page and drop down to “Privacy Settings.”

Click on “Profile.”

Toward the bottom of the page “Allow friends to post on my Wall” allows you to decide if you want your friends to post and who can view what your friends post:

- **Friends of Friends**
- **Only Friends**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Conclusion

While there are a few other things to keep in mind, are the most important ways to protect your privacy on Facebook.

Keep in mind that while you may have turned off the visibility of many profile sections, there is no way to prevent your friends from sharing your photos or videos.

Be aware of what privacy settings are available and be conscious of what your friends may be publishing about you.

Most of all, make good choices. Follow the "Grandma Rule": Don't post anything that you wouldn't want your grandmother to see!

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